

**Virginia OEMS
Communications Committee Meeting
Sheraton Norfolk Waterside,
Monticello Room, Norfolk, VA
November 11, 2010
11:30 a.m.**


Members Present: Pokey Harris, Ken Crumpler, Richard Rubino, Connie Purvis, Steve Ennis, Paul Hoppes, William Quarles, Hershel Kreis





Members attending by Teleconference: None.

OEMS Staff: Wanda Street, George Lindbeck

Guest: Frankie Hutton

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Call to Order:	The Committee Chair, Mrs. Pokey Harris, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Approval of the Minutes dated August 13, 2010:	A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was moved by Connie Purvis and seconded by Richard Rubino.	The minutes were approved with no further discussion.
Committee Chair Report (Mrs. Pokey Harris):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SIEC/CICO Update – A new coordinator has been hired and his name is Chris McIntosh. He will attend the next meeting. b. Narrowbanding – Pokey will keep this on the agenda and will see it through by 2013. c. Other - Pokey asked Ken to ensure that Mr. Quarles be added to the email list. d. Pokey has been appointed as chair of the committee for another year. 	Ken will add Mr. William Quarles to the Communications email list.
OEMS Communications Coordinators Report (Ken Crumpler):	No updates other than what will be discussed later in the meeting.	
Unfinished Business:	OEMS Regulations – No update.	
EMD Initiative:	<p>a. EMD Accreditations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Application Review – Norfolk ii. Application Review – Newport News iii. Application Review – Dinwiddie <p>A motion was made by the chair to approve the above EMD accreditations. The motion was approved with no oppositions or abstentions. Ken will present Norfolk with their certificate on Saturday at the Awards Ceremony.</p> <p>b. RSAF EMD Funding Requests</p> <p>RSAF EMD funding requests have been received from Martinsville/Henry County, Stafford County and the City of Lynchburg.</p>	

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	<p>c. EMD Map Updates An updated map has been provided by the Chair. See below.</p>  <p>ENP Map 2010.11.08 BM.pdf</p> <p>d. Ken Crumpler – Priority Dispatch case information regarding liability Anyone interested in this case is encouraged by Ken to attend the class at 1:30 on Saturday called “You Ain’t Getting Any”.</p> <p>e. Dr. George Lindbeck/Dr. Allen Yee – EMD White Paper Discussion Connie stated that she would like the physician questions answered in the white paper because they always ask “why do we need EMD”. Pokey stated that the white paper should be very broad and will cover a lot because the audience will be broad. It will be addressed to attorneys, doctors, county and local government leadership, the 911 center directors, sheriffs, communications center dispatchers and others. The paper should address medical, ethical and safety issues as well as standards of care. The safety issues concern EMS safety and public safety. Steve Ennis stated that the logistics of “how” should be included. Dr. Lindbeck stated that he wants to give a baseline of how pre-arrival instructions have increased the survival rate and show the benefits of EMD. Hershel will provide articles to assist with the paper. They all agreed that liability should be included in the paper also.</p> <p>f. Connie Purvis/Richard Rubino/Jason Campbell – EMD Legislation Connie stated that she spoke with a legislator and a lobbyist and they advised her to sign a paper saying that she has been given authority to represent the Office of EMS Communications Committee on this. Richard suggested he and Connie are very clear and specific about what they expect the legislators to do and get someone from the senate side to support it. Do we really want to look at it as a bill or a study? Should we gather all the information within the upcoming year and then present it as a proposed bill in the 2012 General Assembly session? Connie mentioned that Lobbyist Ed Rhodes is very interested in working with them on this matter. She feels that the main thing that is needed is some strong verbiage from this committee that depicts why EMD is important and the benefits of it.</p>	<p>An email will be sent to the committee of the updated map.</p>
RSAF Communications Funding:	<p>a. Funding Requests – (Radios) RSAF Communications funding requests have been received by the OEMS grants division. They are currently being reviewed and decisions will be made soon.</p>	
Paul Hoppes – Radio and Communications Update:	<p>The following four articles of information were discussed by Paul Hoppes:</p>	

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New Business:	<p data-bbox="464 821 1247 846">a. Presentation from Jeff Flourney, ESVA 9-1-1 CritiCall Software</p> <p data-bbox="464 850 1104 875">Mr. Flourney was not in attendance to give his presentation.</p>	
Open Discussion:	None.	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	<p data-bbox="420 948 810 972">The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.</p> <p data-bbox="420 977 1541 1002">The next meeting is in February 2011. An email notification will be sent with the date and location.</p>	